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## Pet Care And Preparation

Contact your veterinarian or local humane society for more information on preparing your pets for an emergency.

### BEFORE THE DISASTER

- Make sure that your pets are current on their vaccinations. Pet shelters may require proof of vaccines.
- Have a current photograph.
- Keep a collar with identification on your pet and have a leash and a muzzle on hand.
- Make sure you have your pet's medications.
- Have a properly-sized pet carrier for each animal - carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand and turn around.
- Make sure you've stored ample amount of food and water for your consumption
- Plan your evacuation strategy and don't forget your pet! Specialized pet shelters, animal control shelters, veterinary clinics and friends and relatives out of harm's way are ALL potential refuges for your pet during a disaster.



### DURING THE DISASTER



- Bring pets indoor well in advance of a storm - reassure them and remain calm.
- Pet shelters will be filled on first come, first served basis. Call ahead and determine availability.
- If you go to a shelter be sure you have proper identification collar and rabies tag, proper identification on all belongings, a carrier or cage, a leash, an ample supply of food, water and food bowls, any necessary medications, specific care instructions and news papers or trash bags for clean-up.

### AFTER THE DISASTER

- Walk pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to their home. Familiar home scents and landmarks are usually altered.
- Be careful of downed power lines around your pet.
- If pets cannot be found after a disaster, contact the local animal control office to find out where lost animals can be recovered. Bring a picture of your pet.
- Monitor their behavior. After a disaster animals can become aggressive or defensive.

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